

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection:

Application for the Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date that is 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.]

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/Start Printed Page 15501PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The Federal Register notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on March 25, 2021 at 86 FR 15959.

A. Overview of Information Collection

<u>Title of Information Collection</u>: Application for the Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0191.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-4123, HUD-4125. SF-424, HUD-2880, HUD-2993, SF-425, HUD-2516.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorizes Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG) and requires that grants be awarded annually on a competitive basis (or in the case of Imminent Threat grants, on an as-needed basis). The purpose of the ICDBG program is to develop viable Indian and Alaska Native communities by creating decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for low- and moderate-income persons.

Consistent with this objective, not less than 70 percent of the expenditures are to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Eligible applicants include Federally-recognized tribes, which includes Alaska Native communities, and tribally authorized tribal organizations. Eligible categories of funding include housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, homeownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development, and microenterprise programs. For a complete description of eligible activities, please refer to 24 CFR part 1003, subpart C.

The ICDBG program regulations are at 24 CFR part 1003. The ICDBG program requires eligible applicants to submit information to enable HUD to select the best projects for funding during annual competitions. Additionally, the information submitted is essential for HUD in monitoring grants to ensure that grantees are complying with applicable statutes and regulations and implementing activities as approved.

ICDBG applicants must submit a complete application package which includes an Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424), Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD-2880), Cost Summary (HUD-4123), and Implementation Schedule (HUD-4125). If the applicant has a waiver of the electronic submission requirement and is submitting a paper application, an Acknowledgement of Application Receipt (HUD-2993) must also be submitted. If the applicant is a tribal organization, a resolution from the tribe stating that the tribal organization is submitting an application on behalf of the tribe must also be included in the application package.

ICDBG recipients are required to submit a quarterly Federal Financial Report (SF-425) that describes the use of grant funds drawn from the recipient's line of credit. The reports are used to monitor cash transfers to the recipients and obtain expenditure data from the recipients. (2 CFR 200.328)

The regulations at 24 CFR part 200 require that grantees and sub-grantees take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. Consistent with these regulations, 24 CFR 1003.506(b) requires that ICDBG grantees report on these activities on an annual basis, with Contract and Subcontract Activity Report being due to HUD on October 10 of each year (HUD-2516).

The regulations at 24 CFR 1003.506(a) instruct recipients to submit to HUD an Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER) that describes the progress made in completing approved

activities with a listing of work to be completed; a breakdown of funds expended; and when the project is completed, a program evaluation expressing the effectiveness of the project in meeting community development needs. The ASER is due by November 15 each year and at grant closeout.

The information collected will allow HUD to accurately audit the program.

<u>Respondents</u>: Federally recognized Native American Tribes, Alaska Native communities and corporations, and tribal organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents, Responses, and Burden Hours Per Annum

Type of Submission	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Submissions	Total Responses	Estimate Average Time (Hours)	Estimate Annual Burden (Hours)	Hourly Rate*	Total Annual Cost
Grant Application (Includes SF-424, HUD-2880, HUD-2993, HUD-4123, HUD-4125)	240	1	240	30	7,200	\$19.23	\$138,456
Federal Financial Report (SF-425)	75	4	300	0.5	150	\$19.23	\$2,885
Contract and Subcontract Activity Report (HUD-2516)	75	1	75	1	75	\$19.23	\$1,442
Annual Status and Evaluation Report (ASER)	75	1.25	94	4	375	\$19.23	\$7,211
TOTAL	240		709		7,800		\$149,994

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
 - (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond;

including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information

technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

(5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are respond,

including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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